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Letter dated 11 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a request for the retention, among the list of proposed questions on the agenda of the Security Council for the year 2003, of the item entitled "Letter dated 3 December 1971 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/10409)", concerning the question of the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates, namely the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, until a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the related conflict is achieved by peaceful means through direct negotiation or through recourse to the International Court of Justice and in a manner that guarantees international and regional peace, security and stability.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Abdulaziz Nasser R. **Al-Shamsi**
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